

Enquiry Report in Gangotri

3343 KUMARI UMA BHARTI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards a news item captioned as "Gangotri Ki Khandit Pratima Ganga Ki Hai Hi Nahin" appearing in *Nav Bharat Times* dated September 8, 1996;

(b) whether the enquiry report has been submitted to the Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the recommendations made therein?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMALI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the report of District Magistrate, Uttarkashi, no image has been broken.

(c) Question does not arise.

[Translation]

Chairman of CWC

3344 SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the norms followed for making appointment of the Chairman of Central Water Commission and the reasons for delay in making the appointment;

(b) the qualification and experience of the present acting chairman of the CWC;

(c) whether the Government propose to appoint him as permanent chairman of the CWC keeping in view the important tasks performed by him; and

(d) if so, the time by which the appointment is likely to be made permanent?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) The appointment of Chairman, Central Water Commission, is made on the basis of provisions contained in Central Water Engineering (Group A) Service Rules as amended from time to time. At present Central Water Engineering (Group A) Service Rules, 1995 are in force and, according to these Rules appointment to the post of Chairman, Central Water Commission, is made by promotion failing which by transfer on deputation basis. Central Water Engineering (Group A) Service Rules, 1982 was superseded by Central Water Engineering (Group A) Service Rules, 1995 in November, 1995 and there were some changes in recruitment provisions. In view of the changed position, appointment to the post of Chairman, Central Water Commission was under consultation with Union Public Service Commission and Ministry of Law and is now under consideration of the Government.

(b) The educational qualification of the present acting Chairman, Central Water Commission is B.E. (Hons.) (Roorkee), M.Sc. (London) and DIC (London). He has experience of about 34 years in water resources sector.

(c) There is no proposal at present to appoint the present acting Chairman as permanent Chairman, Central Water Commission.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Engineering Courses in Indian Languages

3345. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the places, where courses in engineering are being conducted in Indian languages;

(b) whether the Government propose to start educational courses at all levels in Indian Languages throughout the country; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (c). The National Policy on Education and the Programme of Action (POA) 1992 advocates use of modern Indian languages as medium of instruction progressively at all levels. The schools and technical institutions function within the academic control/supervision of the respective Boards of Secondary Education and the University respectively which work autonomously in academic matters. It is for these academic bodies to gradually effect switch over in the medium of instruction. The Central Government does not have any specific scheme to effect change in the medium of instruction.

Congestion of Drainage System in Delhi

3346. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing congestion of drainage system in Delhi;

(b) whether the increasing congestion has led to water logging and flood in Delhi;

(c) if so, the areas of Delhi, mainly affected due to the drainage congestion;

(d) the main reasons for the drainage congestion; and

(e) the steps taken to solve the drainage congestion problem?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The unauthorised colonies of Delhi are mainly affected due to the drainage congestion. The blockage of drains and overflow during excessive rains have also affected some of the urban areas.

(d) The main reasons for drainage congestion are excessive growth of unauthorised pockets and colonies, low lying areas without adequate drainage facilities, frequent checking of the local drains due to dumping of garbage by residents, silting of existing drains and inadequate outfalls.

(e) Annual desilting of the drains, remodelling of drains for increased discharges and construction of new trunk drains such as supplementary Drain and Jahangirpuri Outfall Drain have been taken up by Government of NCT of Delhi to solve the drainage congestion problem.

Setting up of Stroke Unit

3347. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for setting up of 16 beds "Stroke Unit" to treat cerebro-vascular disorders at NIMHANS, Bangalore under the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the proposed unit; and

(c) whether the Government will give assistance if major Government Hospitals in Karnataka come forward to set up "Stroke Units"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) There is a proposal for setting up of 16 beds "Stroke Unit" to treat Cerebro-vascular disorders at NIMHANS.

(b) The estimated cost would be Rs.1.51 crore including building, equipments and staff.

(c) Presently there is no scheme for providing this sort of assistance.

[Translation]

Child Prostitution

3348. DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR :

SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH :

SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that Child prostitution is increasing constantly in the country;

(b) the number of child prostitution cases that have come to light till 1995;

(c) whether any scheme is being prepared or any steps are being taken by the Government to check child prostitution;

(d) whether Government have prepared scheme to provide them employment or to provide some other measures for self-employment, and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) No, Sir. There are no reliable statistics available about the number of child prostitutes.

(b) Total number of cases of buying/selling of girls for prostitution reported in 1995 are as under :

Selling : 16 : Buying : 18

(c) Apart from stricter enforcement of the existing provisions of the following laws :

(i) The Indian Penal Code;

(ii) The Immoral Traffic Prevention Act; and

(iii) The Juvenile Justice Act

the Government has referred to the Law Commission certain amendments in the major criminal laws to tackle sexual abuse of children, recommended by the National Commission for Women.

The Government has also set up a Central Advisory Committee for an ongoing review and recommendations of both legal and non-legal approaches to the rescue and rehabilitation of children in prostitution. In addition, the Government is attempting to bring about an overall improvement in the status of children, especially girl children, through better education, health care and empowerment of women.

(d) and (e). Schemes for employment and income generation like Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Jawahar Rojgar Yojana (JRY), Support to Training and Employment Programme (STEP), Setting up of Employment-cum-Income Generating Units for Women (NORAD), Socio-Economic Programme (SEP), Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK), Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM) and Development of Women and Children in Rural Area (DWCRA) are implemented especially in high supply areas of prostitutes and for rehabilitation of rescued prostitutes.

Gandhi's Letters

3349. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any tip of 450 unpublished letters written by Mahatma Gandhi during his last days;